

CSE 341 — Ruby Discussion Questions

1. What do the following Ruby expressions do?

```
x+2
octopus.swim("fast")
octopus.swim "fast"
octopus.tentacles = 8
Aquarium.new("clownfish")

["clown", "fish"].each {|s| puts s}
[1,2,3].map { |j| j*10}

sum=0
4.times {sum=sum+10}
```

2. Write a Ruby class `Book`, which has fields for title and author. When you create a new instance of book you should give values for those fields. Also define getters (but not setters) for them. Finally, write a statement that makes a new instance of `Book` with a suitable author and title.
3. Write a class `Delay` that implements delays (like the `delay` function in Scheme). The following code shows how it should work:

```
n = 0
d = Delay.new {n=n+1; 3+4}
d.force
d.force
v = d.force
e = Delay.new {1/0}
```

After we evaluate these statements `v` should be 7, but `n` should only be 1 (since we only evaluate the block once). Further, since we never force `e`, we shouldn't get a divide-by-zero error.

4. Write a `min` method for the `Enumerable` mixin. You'll need to decide how to handle finding the minimum of an empty collection. Bonus points for handling this in the same way Ruby itself does!
Hint: look at the implementation of `map` at the end of the `inheritance.rb` handout.
5. Consider the class and module definitions in `self_super.rb` linked from the 341 Ruby web page. Suppose we define a class `C5` as follows:

```
class C5 < C1
  include M2
end
```

What is the result of evaluating these expressions?

```
x = C5.new
x.test1
x.test2
x.kind_of?(C5)
x.kind_of?(M2)
x.kind_of?(M1)
C5.ancestors
C5.superclass
C5.superclass.superclass
C5.superclass.superclass.superclass
```